GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BERHAMPUR TO PHULBANI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to sanction a railway line between Berhampur to Phulbani has been pending with the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways for timely completion of the said project?

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be finalized by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A survey for construction of a new line between Berhampur and Phulbani was completed in 2002-03. As per the survey report, the cost of this 170-km-long new line was assessed as Rs.500.42 crore with a negative rate of return. In view of non-remunerative nature of the project, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, the proposed line could not be taken up.